

M E M O R A N D U M

To: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
FROM: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
SUBJECT: **AUGUST 16, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

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Bend Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
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Bend City, Public Works Director—Chair
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Bend City, Police Department
Bend/LaPine School District
Deschutes County Road Department
Oregon Department of Transportation
Citizen Members

Nick Arnis
Thomas Stump
(Vacant)
Doug Koellermeier (Absent)
Cory Darling
Denice Blake (Absent)
George Kolb (Absent)
Dan Serpico
Harold Anderson
Erik Huffman
Michael Toney
Rex Wolf

City Staff

Cindy Hartman
Sergeant, Tom Pine

Engineering Technician
Bend Police Department

Guests

Mike Lovely
Jim Gattey
Sami Fournier
Bill Padgham
Lisa Burley
Jock Craig
Bill Brisson

Citizen, SBNA
Citizen, CWNA
Citizen, RWNA
Citizen, CWNA
Citizen, SBNA
Board member (retired)
Citizen, OFDNA

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Chair, Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made. Mr. Arnis introduced Michael Toney as our newest member to TSAC, Mr. Toney addressed the committee. He came to Bend from Coos Bay area where in the 70's he became interested in traffic safety when he volunteered for a school based program educating young drivers on seat belt safety and an anti-DUI program. Since then he has worked with city, county, and state groups promoting traffic safety. Mr. Arnis also recognized Winchell "Jock" Craig for his six years on the committee, Mr. Craig spoke about his tenure, with his biggest disappointment being not seeing Neff Road fixed and that he was pleased to say he was richer for being a part of the committee. The board thanked Mr. Craig and wished him well.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis asked the members for approval of the June, 2011 Minutes. Mr. Wolf wanted to see more about the neighborhood associations participation on CSR's in the annual report, It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes with corrections.
- 3) **Agenda Review:** Mr. Arnis asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda, it was suggested that the Cascade Middle School proposal be discussed.

- 4) **Public Comments:**

Sami Fournier – announced that as a public service car seat checks would be offered for kids 8 and under or under 4'9" in September.

- 5) **Transportation Engineering Information Items**

TSAC Annual Report can be viewed on line

12th & Greenwood has been installed and will be tested on Friday morning staff will report on finding at next meeting.

Daggett Lane is under construction and will be complete in just a few weeks.

Bear Creek Sidewalk will be constructed but not in this construction year, it is slated for next summer.

Galveston revitalization is moving along, storm-water and parking are some of the points that are holding it up, but it is about ready to go to the business owners for their buy-in.

Century Drive-Mt Washington Roundabout will open ahead of schedule, before the start of school and the Labor Day weekend. Metolius Drive is under construction and will be completed this fall.

General Obligation Bond RFP is due today and will go to city council in September or October to choose the consultant, with a few of the projects to be built as soon as next construction season. Sami Fournier asked where the Riverside project was on the list. Mr. Arnis noted that the Riverside project is a standalone project and will be funded by a grant and the dollars set aside for street maintenance overlay combined.

Crash criteria analysis and volume and study, was explained to the group by Mr. Arnis. By working with police, GIS data, along with crash and volume data patterns emerge that can point the way to engineering solutions.

Cascade Middle School Taskforce has a couple options to keep students from crossing Century Drive and or being dropped off by their parents so they can walk through the neighborhood. A fence was considered, and also checking the viability of keeping the temporary access to Westview Drive open after the roundabout project is finished. Mr. Arnis believes that the City should not take any more action on this situation until the school district steps up to the plate and redesigns the traffic flow through their parking and drop-off zones. Sami Fournier pointed out that over 300 cars per hour arrive at the school in the morning, Commute Options has tried many times to get kids to walk, bike, or ride the bus to no avail. They have done as much as they can and feel that the parents just want to drive.

6) Police Enforcement Update and Information Items

Captain Darling announced that there would be a pedestrian safety enforcement event on Wednesday at Franklin and Harriman. He went on to note that crash data is in and he named the top five crash sites in Bend.

#1 – Hwy 20 at Purcell with 10 crashes

#2 – 3rd Street at Reed Market 15 crashes last year and 9 this year.

#3 – 15th and Reed Market – 7 crashes this year 8 last year

#4 – 3rd Street and Greenwood

#5 – Revere and Parkway

7) Update on Citizen Service Requests

Dan Serpico will get information on the 3rd & Greenwood signal once the new signal is operational. Highway 20 & Purcell may be a sight distance problem and 3rd and Empire has a big increase in pedestrian activity.

Lisa Burley mentioned seeing skid marks on the parkway near the pedestrian crossing she asks can we get an overpass for peds and bikes. Mr. Serpico said that after Murphy Road overpass goes in ODOT will re-evaluate the idea.

8) Citizen Service Requests from TSAC

Transportation Staff will update the committee on the status of:

In Progress

- Metolius Road signage – Will be done at time of project

Completed

- Parrell Road disappearing bike lane – has been striped

Items for next month agenda

12th and Greenwood pedestrian crossing compliance
Adjourn 9:00 AM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers.